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Tetsuya Yamamoto	)	
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Commissioner for Patents

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FOURTH INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents, other than U.S. patent documents, are enclosed.

### REMARKS

The following documents were cited in an October 29, 2007 Official Action in a counterpart foreign patent application (Japanese Patent Appln. No. 2002-356737) corresponding to the above-referenced application:

JP-A 2000-83284.

Applicant submits that EP 0 967 815 A2 is in the family of the JP-A document.

An English-language Abstract for the JP-A document was obtained from a commercial database and is also attached.

### FORMAL MATTERS

Please charge the required fee of \$180.00 to our Deposit Account No. 06-1205 to cover the Information Disclosure Statement fee under 37 C.F.R. 1.97(c)(2).

### CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

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